

## **Fees, Costs, & Assessments Collection And Transmittal Of Fees Issues**



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## **October 1, 2003 Fee Changes**



- Civil Filing and Motion Fees - District Court, Circuit Court, Probate Court – increases and changes in distribution
- Service Fees on Child Support Payments in the Friend of the Court – increase and change in distribution
- Civil Infraction Assessments, Misdemeanor and Felony Court Costs – new, increase and change in distribution

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## October 1, 2003 Changes

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- Do not assess the State Forensic Lab Fee \$150, DNA Sample Fee \$60 and specific civil infraction assessments (i.e. MJTF, HSF)
- Collections issues, old fees (before October 1, 2003) and new fees
- Transmittal of the fees to the state – changes
- Consider the impact of the changes to your court's revenue

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## Civil Fee Changes

- Civil filing fees in Circuit/Probate court are uniform - \$150
- District Court has tiered fees pertaining to the amount in controversy (\$25,\$45,\$65,\$150)
- All fees have distribution to the new Civil Filing Fee Fund - either in part or all
- Collections for the Civil Filing Fee Fund are reported on the Dept of Treasury Transmittal for your court - line 3, acct # 228.58

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## Civil Fees

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- Motion fees for all courts are now uniform at \$20 and have the same distribution (50% to the funding unit and 50% to the state court fund).
- When multiple motions are filed together only one fee needs to be charged.

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## Friend of the Court Service Fee



- Service and handling fee increases from \$1.25 to \$1.50.
- Additional \$.25 to be reported on the Dept of Treasury transmittal form #57 for deposit to the Attorney General's Operations Fund acct# 228.60.

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## Justice System Assessment Traffic Civil Infractions

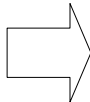


Michigan Justice Training Fund

Highway Safety Fund

Secondary Road Patrol Fund

Jail Reimbursement Fund \$25



Justice System Assessment

\$40

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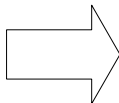
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## Justice System Assessment Non Traffic Civil Infractions



State and Municipal Civil Infractions:



Justice System Assessment

\$10

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## Civil Infractions

- Justice system assessment reported on line 5 of Dept of Treasury transmittal forms
- Minimum state costs of \$9 no longer transmitted to the state – remains local
- Eliminates a number of local trust and agency accounts (i.e. judges retirement etc...)

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## Older Case Collections

Judges Retirement

Legislative Retirement

Court Equity Fund

State Court Fund  
(criminal)

Highway Safety Fund

Secondary Road Patrol

Michigan Justice Training

Jail Reimbursement

Justice  
System  
Fund

(Line 5 of new transmittal)

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## State Minimum Costs Misdemeanors and Felonies

- Minimum misdemeanor court costs increased from \$9 to \$40 or \$45
- New minimum court costs for felonies \$60
- Distribution to the Justice System Fund – line 5 of the Dept of Treasury transmittal forms

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## Partial Payment Priority MCL 775.22



**50% of every payment to Crime Victim  
Fee and Restitution**

**Balance applied in following order:**

- ✓ Minimum state cost (\$40 or \$45)
- ✓ Other costs
- ✓ Fine
- ✓ Probation supervision
- ✓ Other assessments or payments

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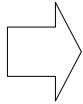
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## Older Case Collections



State Forensic Lab Fee

DNA Sample Fee



**Justice  
System  
Fund**

(Line 5 of new transmittal)

(Portions due to the state)

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## State Transmittal Issues



- New forms to be used for October 2003 revenue remittance
- NEW - Old forms will not be accepted by Dept of Treasury. Returned with check to the funding unit/court
- Treasury website to have a fill-able form for automatic sums and printing for submission

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## Court Revenue Issues

- Many changes to revenue – civil and criminal
- Larger portion of civil fees to local general fund
- Elimination of \$9 civil infraction costs due to state
- Larger portion of costs for misdemeanors, new felony state costs, due to state

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